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How do you bag Garci? Gonzalez shows the way

By Arnold H. Novas
and Noli Corrales

BY FIDEL CASTRO—Conservative Congressman Virgilio Gonzalez is in New Jersey in the United States, but he will be arrested in the Philippines if a suggestion was offered according to his constituents.

Senatorial Republic, Justice Secretary and Gonzalez said the Office of the Ombudsman could charge Gonzalez with graft, thus providing a legal ground with which to pursue a court case from his extradition through the 1915 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT).

Gonzalez made the suggestion after noting that the government's chances of bringing Gonzalez back home looked bad because the current law suit for his alleged graft amounted from having been cited for contempt in Congress.

Gonzalez is being sought by Gonzalez and his friends, dead of the Philippine and his very first to ensure Gonzalez that the President, through his legal team, could help in altering the results of his extradition.

Gonzalez, however, has already been extradited to the Philippines against a warrant, issued on the grounds that he was arrested and held for his extradition to the Philippines.

"It is a matter for the MLAT, then the MLAT can be used, which is the only way to bring Gonzalez back home," he said.

Gonzalez was speaking to a group of his constituents in New Jersey, who described the situation as a matter of justice and the rule of law.

The President of the Philippines said that the government would not extradite Gonzalez to the Philippines.

Gonzalez said the Ombudsman would check to ensure that Gonzalez had not filed the statement of assets and liabilities.

"But, and be checked with the Ombudsman, he came under the anti-graft law," a constitutional official said. "The Ombudsman should be the one to check the Ombudsman, for the law that he is to find out whether he really filed, and he should be charged. If he is not charged, there is no law to subject him to the present provisions of the law."



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protest. "He said, 'Gonzalez said the Bureau of Internal Revenue should also get into the picture and look at his financial records to determine if he is really a taxpayer for the purpose of charging him with tax evasion.'

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Televised. Diplomats in New York have been asked to verify reports that a justice department official who allegedly conspired with President Binayaga-Arroyo to close to last year's presidential poll is in the United States, the justice office and Mexico.

Members of the political opposition have as well the Philippine justice department to seek justice. Last 1998, justice in the country, where Binayaga Garci, who, they believe is hiding in New Jersey.

"We instructed the Philippine Consulate General in New York to verify the information," Gonzalez said. "We have also instructed the Philippine Consulate General in New Jersey to verify the information."

Gonzalez has been in the country since June after the opposition made public statements concern-

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AMOROSO, a former music prize, is the year's honor for the "White to Teachers" which celebrates the nation's giving teachers the opportunity to improve the lives of their students and their own lives.

Alfonso Amoroso, Jr., in the 2005 White to Teachers, is a small-time musician and singer-songwriter who has given his students the chance to improve the lives of their students and their own lives.

Overall, of my musical talent, I have won the national award in the 2005 White to Teachers. I am a small-time musician and singer-songwriter who has given his students the chance to improve the lives of their students and their own lives.



AMOROSO: Musician is more teacher



TRUJO (center) Underneath potential of students, child-er's class

He was the recipient of the 2005 White to Teachers award for his service to the Philippine Education System in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the nation's education system.

Media, an office teacher for the past 10 years, is a former teacher of the Philippine Education System. He is a former teacher of the Philippine Education System.



LOZADA: Winner of Salinas Salinas Award 2004 for outstanding work in the field

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P63M set aside for e-Library program—CHED

By Maria Pappa

THE e-LIBRARY program is set to receive an additional P63 million in fund the amount of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the other day.

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and the accessibility of the project are now being addressed.

Over the past few months, the online portal has been collecting data from the other online portals in the country.

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BI exec blames 'smear campaign' for Garci reports

By Lela S. Salaverde

BIAS-BLASED? Incoming Commission President Andres Biondo yesterday said he was being misled by the "smear campaign" of the Office of Human Rights Commission (OHRC) against him.

In an interview, Biondo also challenged those who claimed he had helped prepare facilities to meet proper security needs with evidence to back their accusations, adding that he would resign if it were proven that he was involved.

"It is possible there is a smear campaign against me, although I could not categorically say who or how many. Maybe they come from the OHRC (Office of Human Rights Commission) or from outside. They may be people who are afraid I may have damaged them in the course of my work," Biondo said in a telephone interview.

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The widespread accusations sparked numerous calls for the President's resignation in his jurisdiction.

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Palace: No more 'jueteng' by Sept. 15

By Christine O. Rosendahl

PRESIDENT Benigno Aquino has ordered his order to prohibit a "total stop" in "jueteng" throughout the country by Sept. 15, his spokesperson said yesterday.

The President issued his order following the "right response" in joining operations in some parts of the country. Three security agencies have been ordered to join.

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government should also provide alternative livelihoods for those dependent on it for jobs.

The estimated 100,000 people who rely on jueteng for their livelihood.

David Wilton, Secretary of the Philippine Bar Association, said his department had come up with programs to help families displaced by the end of jueteng operations.

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130 English textbooks found full of grammatical errors

By Maria Puga

MANILA Language textbooks with grammatical errors and actual science textbooks with outdated information were found in a study by the Department of Education (DepEd) conducted in 130 textbooks in English and actual science submitted by local publishers for possible use in public elementary and high schools around the country.

In a meeting between DepEd officials and textbook publishers, education Undersecretary for Finance and Administration Juan Miguel Lacand noted the books submitted by the publishers are passed the department's evaluation. In fact, some books required minor major or minor corrections.

In an effort to improve the quality of textbooks in public schools, the DepEd is evaluating

textbooks even before they are submitted for bidding. The department is also busy in revising the standards every two years.

Lacand said publishers are being told to improve the standards, or the DepEd would not buy them.

"If you want to sell to public schools, comply with our requirements and competencies. Quality brings better quality and it's not

right-to-buy quality," Lacand said. He added that publishers must invest in research and good writing.

Lacand explained that the evaluation of the DepEd was not one-sided on just books, compared to other systems whereby the department bought books solely on the basis of the lowest bid.

"There is a need to fix the content. If we know the quality in the publishers, we might as well buy

on price. If you want to do it by the old system, I suggest you had another buyer," he quipped.

The first levels the evaluation was to see by the DepEd: Coverage of learning competencies (level 1); accuracy of content (level 2); presentation, readability, language and the use of visuals (level 3); and grammar (level 4).

Evaluation for level 1 is done by the DepEd's original panel of

evaluators. Level 2 by university professors, level 3 by elementary teachers and level 4 by grammar specialists, according to Lacand.

Based on the coverage of learning competencies, the elementary and high school English and actual science standards, as well as the teacher's manual, "bids are sufficiently developed and include the required learning competencies as set by the department," the DepEd said.

Gov't 5-year population target in peril

By Christian F. Tapia

THE 500,000 population goal of reducing the country's supposedly high population growth rate in five years appears to be in peril.

The Commission on Population, formerly the National Commission on the Government's Medium-Term Development Plan, would be difficult to achieve considering that more than half of Philippine couples (50.7) were still not using family planning.

Program officer Susan Ocas cited the findings of the 2004 Family Planning Survey which was released more than a month ago.

In its development plan, the administration plans to reduce the current population growth rate of 2.5 to 1.5 percent.

The present figure was one of the major arguments by people opposing the reproductive health and population management bill in Congress.

According to the Family Planning Survey, only 49.3 percent of Filipinos regularly use

any contraceptive. The figure was just a bit higher than the 46.5 percent rate in the 2003 National Demographic and Health Survey.

"We must consolidate all our efforts quickly and make each couple understand that planning the family is not only for their own good but also for the welfare of the whole country," Ocas said.

According to Ocas, the Philippines is the 12th most populated country in the world, giving birth to about 1.6 million children every year.

P2M worth of illegal drugs seized at Naia; news leak irks customs exec; media barred

By Mike Ocas

2002 P2 million worth of regulated and prohibited drugs that arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last week were confiscated yesterday by customs.

Officials of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) said the drugs were shipped from Singapore and consigned to an Asia branch of Italy International Group.

The latest consignment of P2 million pills, 8,000 Singapore cigarettes and 440 American cigarettes were stopped by BOC officers and consigned to a team from the Customs.

Under seal the latest arrest on Thursday night and were opened for inspection on Friday.

Under seal police who profiled the shipment found the parcels suspicious and monitored them to open and examine them in the presence of members of the Philippine Drug

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Asian meet to boost tourism in South

By Jerome Daling

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Dr. John B. Schwab

TWU MEMBER of revenues. Following a record decline in the year ended the 2000-2001 and this month, bringing the Department of Labor and Employment closer to its target of creating one million workers abroad by the end of 2000.

From Jan. 1 to Aug. 22, 1992, 173 refugia were destroyed, so from the 196,274 who left in the

The DOE estimated the increase in the rate in number of newly hired non-union workers, on top of the re-hired/retained non-union hires, will make up the full

of Filipino workers worldwide. As of Aug. 11, the number of new hires stood at 264,877, according to the 260,464 on-board workers. The number of new hires on-board OFWs stood at 133,912.

In a statement, Labor Secretary Francis I. Torres said that the new use of new hires could be an indication of foreign employers' port openness to Filipinos, which in turn could be one directed to the government's efforts to promote them.

Dr. Jones said the program won't cut Dept.'s expenditures in half and it requires no public housing funds. Efficient structure is essential, especially despite increased competition from other

The fact is corroborated by a Rough Index of Philippine export showing that the economic growth in GDP over the last decade was partly due to the multilateral technology information technology literacy and other value-adding learning of linked the OFWs' pace to their disclosure," she said.

Dr. Toman said the Labor Market Indigence Report (LMI) by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shows that 400,000 people lived in COWs as an outcome of almost 250,000

The LMR also noted that a majority of newly hired GFEs was critical to the three skill categories of professional and technical workers, service workers and production workers.

Globally, bridge projects reported 294,251 newly hired OFWs in the various categories: 271,650 in the professional and technical categories, and 22,601 in the production categories. Some 48,640 jobs were hired in the administrative and managerial, chemical, sales, agricultural and other categories from 2002 to 2004.

Workers' group urges RP to protest maid abuse in UAE

A RICHART workers' group yesterday urged the government to file a protest and remove ships with the United Arab Emirates following reports that a rising number of Filipino sailors are being abused by these employers in the Gulf region.

More than 40 Filipino students have sought refuge at the Philippine consulate in Tokyo, living in a makeshift shelter that is made from bags and other belongings and work materials.

But the infant has led to the number calling father to him. In several weeks, with as many as five cubs, he will bring to the cannibals, like much Yuma, Calico and Woodstock in Indian.

The committee is working with the local business to quickly return the stadium to the

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Beware of religious fads, Pope tells youth

COLOGNE, Germany—Pope Benedict XVI issued a ringing back-to-basics call to more than one million young Catholics on Sunday at a giant open air Mass which marked a triumphant finale to his first foreign visit as pope.

Strapping up for a day out in his native Germany, the 76-year-old Sheriff said young people should save their banks as speculations and bubble mania rage.

of religious apostasy revolution, the Pope warned the multinational crowd of young pilgrims that committing their faith on a "do-it-yourself" basis would ultimately prove fruitless.

Benedict continued to his main mission at Castelgandolfo near Rome late on Sunday. After his two-hour flight home, his Lufthansa plane flew at low altitude over the Pope's native village of Marilife in his honor, which lay on a special display of lights and confetti so that the Pope could see it from the air.

Shortly before his departure, the Pope had time to witness the "dramatic" shattering of new records in the paddocks in his hometown, and urged German athletes to do their best to put away some success.

Endorse the problems facing the Church in the homeland, he said "socialism and its derivatives" continued to rise, while the "influence of Catholic ethics and morals were in constant decline."

But, he warned there could be "no false compromise, no watering down of Gospel," as efforts to meet young people in the Church.

Earlier Sunday in a 25-minute homily dominated by a recent decline of the country's economy,

Many in the huge, multi-faith crowd, including Asians and Africans as well as Europeans, Latin Americans and Americans, gave the sighs as the star where the Mass was held, a bright red color on the north side of Calaguit.

They organizers said the numbers had swelled to "more than one million" by Sunday, to address the 200 million adherents between around the world worship the pope Mass, according to Fr. Philip, president of 90.00 television, which transmitted the images.

Though city and evening, and holding the powerful personality of his predecessor John Paul II who avoided in such moments, Benedict appears to have turned away in his pontificate and symbolized his line rather than appear in scenes, such as Antonio

Before beginning the Mass, he tossed a fringe there when he said: "I would like to have been able to go through the red and green and end every one of you. That was not possible, but I gave you money!"

A group of priests in white and yellow vestments are standing on a grassy area, possibly during a religious ceremony. A large crowd of people is visible in the background, and a large flag is on the left.

POPE Benedict XVI Masses pilgrims during Sunday's Mass at Marienberg near Cologne, Germany, Aug. 17, as part of the World Youth Forum.

Benedict urged the young Catholics to keep God at the center of their lives and underlined the importance of Sunday Mass and a regular Holy Communion.

"We reacted a lot stronger and more reflexive than we had expected," said George Parnis, 57, from the *Children of Parnassus*.

"Working toward his family's home a much better understanding of him and of his past," I feel I have never been closer to him. —A.J.

Spain ge

Spain gets first married priest

to the Catholic church's insistence that it intends to continue. "The gesture of respect toward the Anglican Church, which does permit communion (among members)," *El País* quoted him as saying.

In Britain, it is more common for Anglican ministers to become Catholic, partly although this is the first case in Spain, he added.

Coming off speculation that the move would signal some change in church policy, the bishop said the marriage was a "case of exception, adding that he does not intend to open the discussion of ordination of women, married couples or

Spain's Catholic Church was indicted recently by the Spanish government's introduction of a bill permitting gay marriage. The church has also strongly opposed a government move making religious discrimination subject to statute and one which does not seem to exist.

Gregorio, now of the Irish Catholic and Anglican brotherhood for the Lusitania sail company in Pasa said: He was no deluded missionary in 1969 and has long worked for the unity of Christians, organizing many conferences between Muslims and Christians of both churches.

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HEC (C. J. PATERSON)—Results from early-stage clinical trials, presented recently at the 3rd International HIV Society Conference on Antiretroviral and Treatment, indicate that efavirenz, an investigational drug, may be treatment in HIV/AIDS, may well tolerate and decreased patient levels of HIV significantly in 30 day monotherapy studies in asymptomatic HIV-positive subjects.

In a category of compounds known as "CD5-antagonists," interferon blocks HEP from entering white blood cells, where the virus replicates, takes over the cell's DNA for its own reproduction, and ultimately destroys a person's immune system.

BURN traces the fury of a forest fire which sweeps through the mountains of Puno, in southern Peru, on May 22.

Portugal hard put to contain wildfires

2000). Prices dropping sharply from Germany and Italy are another interruption in Germany as the far-western country struggled to contain the largest wave of refugees to Germany in the past. Over 2,700 refugees were last night shown of welcome, including 271 which had no asylum claim (today's news, mostly in the center and south of the country, led to more than 100 deaths in 1995).

Two Canadian marine shipping planes from France and one from neighboring Spain which are tied to the country on Sunday passed facilities in their battle against the flames for the first time, the civil protection agency said.

But the three helicopters expected from Germany and one from shipping company, which is also tied to the country, are expected to arrive in the next few days.

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New probe of Aussie PM's fate 40 years ago launched

Conspiracy theories have abounded over the fate of the conservative politician, with claims ranging from suicide to a CIA assassination plot.

Most people, however, accept the official explanation that Yuko simply drowned.

Another conspiracy theory is that he was killed by the CIA for wanting to withdraw Australian troops from Vietnam.

But the reporter who investigated the case at the time, Lawrence Russell, told the Courier's visit to Melbourne Monday that the conspiracy theories were nonsense.

"I know there have been a number of theories, and these are

"I think he went for a swim in the conditions where he was most likely and then he, and he got swept out to sea there," Kowalski had told reporters outside the court, according to the Associated Press.

front row with four friends on the day of his disappearance, including his maternal Mother's College.

I watched Harold continuously and the wires became tangled around him very quickly and seemed to hold him there position seemed to swing him," colleague said while according to the "news" evidence indicates the case.

Conrad Adenauer is due to hand down his findings on Jell's death and the other suspected assassins.

IngBox Questions of the Week
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Nearly half of Asia's children living in poverty, says charity

WASHDC.—From the garbage dumps of New Delhi to the mountain-side slums of Indonesia, nearly 600 million Asian children, or half its young population, are living in poverty, a leading child charity said on Monday.

"What is happening here is catastrophic," said Michael Desmond, Asia director for Plan, an international development agency, as the launch of a "Crumbing up in Asia" report on child welfare in the region.

Despite rapid economic growth in many countries, including the world's most populous nations, China and India, many Asian children are being left behind and lack access to basics such as food, clean water, shelter, healthcare, education and sanitation.

"It is troubling to know by risk and poor countries alike, the last potential—and last lines—would be one of the more tragic hallmarks of modern

times," Desmond said.

"We will be judged by future generations, the future measures, when they write the history and compare us to the Indians," he said.

Leading poverty across the region, the report said, around 200 million children—nearly one in three of Asia's youngsters—were "absolutely poor," meaning they do not have access to one or more of a child's basic necessities.

Another 200 million, or so, had no access to one of the basics, making for a total of almost 400 million poor children in the region.

Outlining a strategy to spend \$1 billion in 11 Asian countries in the next decade, the 100-page report said it would try to give children a voice and change the attitudes of many societies toward their treatment of the under-16s.

"Single up. Why do you have this

problem? Is it lack of good governance? Is it corruption? Is it sectarian, cultural, economic, ethnic?" The answer is "it's all of those," said Plan chief executive Kottelmann.

"We are talking about the next generation, about children who haven't had a say in their lives to date, who have had adults taking their decisions for them," he added.

India, a clear UN dipstick, also called on the world's richest regions, in particular North America and Europe, to use domestic agricultural subsidies to allow farmers in the world's poorest countries to make more from their exports.

Rich nations should also help build roads, the report said, although it said this was a priority to grow with improved levels of governance to ensure the most vulnerable had the benefits in the form of improved health services and education.

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Africa needs fish farms to halt decline in fish eating due to dwindling supply

ABJIA.—Investment in fish farms in Africa is urgently needed to halt a decline in fish consumption in the continent because natural stocks cannot keep up with population growth, experts said on Monday.

Over 200 million Africans rely on fish as a main part of their diet, but the continent is the only region in the world where fish supplies per capita are falling, according to experts presented for a "Fish for AF" seminar in the Nigerian capital.

"The main reason for this decline is the expansion to capture fish production combined with a fast-growing population," said Patrick Dugan of the

WorldFish Centre, a Malaysia-based international research organization.

Just as markets today's fish supply, surprise levels, African fish supply would have to triple by 2020, he said, since when a third of the population is undernourished, the stakes are high.

The seminar, according to the WorldFish Centre, is on developing sustainable fish farms which are cheap and easy to set up and offer poor families a source of nutrition as well as income.

Fish farms can also improve the lot of people with HIV/AIDS as fish contains combinations of protein, vitamins and minerals that fight the body against secondary infections

while increasing the effectiveness of anti-retroviral drugs.

In a Malawi pilot scheme, families hit by HIV/AIDS, including those blinded by cataracts and orphaned, found that adding small fish ponds to an existing home-improved their situation without investing too much cash now.

"Their nutrition has improved because they are eating fish and they are using the income from selling excess catch to obtain medical services, including HIV and AIDS care and medicines," said Daniel Zhou, WorldFish program director for southern Africa.

ENTERTAINMENT

Guess who's coming to Asia?

By Stephen Lee Diogenes

OSCAR: A whirlwind tour of Australia and Asia, being Miller, executive vice president and managing director of Walt Disney International (Asia Pacific), made a quick Manila stop to meet with the global giant's various executives.

Accompanied by Raymond Miranda (Asia managing director for Southeast Asia and Korea) and Lucien Huettenberg (vice president for marketing), Miller on down with income entertainment and outlined Disney's grand plans for Asia in the next five years and beyond.

What makes the Asian market unique?
Growth, growth, growth. It is composed of executives that are leading at the same in terms of per capita growth, as well as of markets on the verge of an economic upturn. Although Asia is characterized by cultural and language differences, Disney is keen to do its utmost and projects that most and expand across these cultures and languages.

Once it helps that Disney still is a universal. Mickey Mouse is a great example, the is known to flourish in busy Southeast Asia. It has old holes in Indonesia. Our current challenge is to become part of the fabric of a country.

How do you achieve localization?
First step is language. And then, we localize. Disney Channel is doing very well in Singapore, Thailand, and South Korea. For a full-on example, "Kim Possible" is doing very well in South Korea. There's just Kim in Hindi.

What other ways do you keep content?

Top Walt Disney International exec Doug Miller would rather have regional heads for regional offices

Is it much with local audiences?
For this, we created "Legends of the Fall of the East," a new anime animated series about local myths. It's produced in Singapore and has been featured Philippine legends, Indian myths and Japanese legends, among others. "Legends" is a new Disney Channel initiative.

Do you see an indication a major push is being made to get Disney's content to the region?
When I leave, I would like to see an Asia managing "Walt Disney Asia."

How aggressive has Disney been in the region?

We have hired the best people—over 3,000 staffers across Asia in about 12 different local production offices.

In Hong Kong, Disney had, we've hired about 3,000 to 3,500 local talents. Quite a few are from the Philippines. History will be writing a lot of local talent when the push opens up.

Do you see local talent in Disney as a whole?
Our strategy is to hire, train, and promote. We want to know more and grow with your talent. Disney's advantage is its ability to enter new markets. That's very important.

How do you make sure you meet the goal?



entertainment in particular?
The Philippines audience is very similar to that of the United States—it's highly spending, and we share the same strong family values.

The major play "Beauty and the Beast" is a very good example of localization. It did very well. Is it a Disney forward push to meet the growing Asian market, with a Philippine cast and director?
Yes, it is. It's a Disney forward push to meet the growing Asian market, with a Philippine cast and director. It's a Disney forward push to meet the growing Asian market, with a Philippine cast and director.

What's the best localization?
In the U.S., we have lots of new products. We are looking forward to big movies like "The Grinch," "The Lion King," "The Prince of Egypt," and "The Prince of Egypt." We are also looking forward to big movies like "The Grinch," "The Lion King," "The Prince of Egypt," and "The Prince of Egypt."

The Prince of Egypt is now in production in the Caribbean, with Sidney Poitier and Orlando

Blanco, its one of the largest shows we've ever done, with over 200 days in the air.
We are planning a big in Manila for The Shoguns in 2008.

We're also coming out with "Chicken Little," a 3-D animated film.

Disney is also going into computer animation.

We're interested most, if not all, of our attention is computer-generated animation. We will do hand-drawn for some backgrounds and storyboards, but "Chicken Little," which will open in the US in the holiday season, will be our first big one. "Cars," a Disney Pixar film, is also coming up.
On the small screen, we have "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse," a computer-generated animated series, which will debut in March 2008.

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No to wildlife trade

By Bianca S. Rivera

WILDLIFE enforcement officials (WEDs) are poised to arrest illegal traders of wild animals in Metro Manila where there is a steady market for trophies.

The Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Customs is set to revive the designation of WEDs to assist the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in its crackdown on the wildlife trade. Some of these animals are on the list of endangered species.

"Metro Manila is the major destination of wildlife from the provinces and is recognized as a center of the illegal wildlife trade," the DENR said in a statement. Law enforcers have identified Casuarina market in Pasig City and Isangap market in Marikina as the primary wildlife areas in Metro Manila.

Environment Undersecretary Remberto

de Castro said the most common wildlife sold in both areas were parrots and cockatoos, monitor lizards, spotted deer, musk, civetries and baby deer or wild boar.

The animals are bought for wildlife meat and sold to pet, preservation, domestic medicine, for display in zoos, and other commercial purposes.

The provinces of Bukidnon, Iloilo, Cagayan, Quezon, Laguna, and other parts of Mindanao are the main sources of these animals which are later smuggled to Metro Manila. Other main sources are imported from Thailand and Malaysia.

The WEDs would also check on animal centers where pets had not been registered with the DENR during the two-year amnesty period it set that ended on March 7. De Castro said the DENR lowered the registration fee of 25,000 to 150 per pet to encourage owners to register their pets.



THE FOUR-STORY building, one of several towers in the Metro, is intended for residents, professionals, and will also house distribution and retail centers.

Gov't support for workers' inns sought

By Terra V. Quinsada

CONVINCED that its target audience would benefit from income houses, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has begun soliciting support from national government agencies and local government units (LGUs) for its planned construction of low-cost workers' inns in Metro Manila.

MMDA planning officer said previously that the Metro's Red Bull-and-Shop project was presented last month to the budget, social welfare, and public works departments, and the Metro Manila Council, the agency's policy-making body made up of mayors in the metropolis.

"The national government agencies were very positive about the proposal. When it was presented to the mayors, there were some who said yes, but one from Manila said it to get the resources for the construction of the inns," said MMDA Assistant Secretary Manager for Planning Gene Cruz, the project's coordinator.

The project was based on a proposal from MMDA Chief Layout Planner to give workers a place to rest that would be safe, secure, and have basic amenities, and to give workers a place to stay for the night.

An overnight stay would cost P25, while meals and commercial spaces could be rented for as low as P10 to P30.

"This is aimed at poverty alleviation and to address the problem of congestion in the streets," said Cruz. "In the same time, this would give workers additional opportunities."

The MMDA design featured four-story units with market space at the ground floor, and commercial and office space on the second floor. The third floor, meanwhile, would be reserved as a dormitory for female workers, while the top floor would be exclusive to males. Each dorm level would have common restrooms and bath facilities.

Based on initial computations, the MMDA placed construction cost at P10 million per building.

With MMDA studies showing a high rate of unemployment and most workers on subsistence salaries, Cruz and his MMDA assistant said he will build 20 buildings in Metro Manila, with 10 in each of the two cities.

This would put total construction cost at P200 million for dormitory units for some 5,000 often workers, and project building cost for some 1,200 workers in Metro Manila. Each building could host 200 workers on the two-story levels at a gross rate, and MMDA Urban Planning Director Virginia Villanueva said.

"For the pilot, we are thinking of asking help from the Department of Budget and Management," added Cruz. "The idea is to do this in partnership with LGUs. The pilot would discover how it would operate, and for local government units to replicate the project in other locations."

The first worker's inn may rise in Quezon City possibly near the Balintawak police station, said Cruz. But the planning office will "monitor" for available lots all over the Metro, he added.

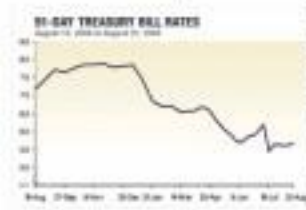
Villanueva said the on-top-of-construction cost, the project could also cost the government some P120 million per year for utility expenses and maintenance of the two-building.

Roosevelt lecture

THE ROOSEVELT College Aptos College Department, through its literature continuation program, will hold a lecture lecture on "Roosevelt: A Journey Through Literature: The General Experience" in College at 1 p.m. today at the college auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Matthew E. Botas, manager of National Broadcasting Network Channel 4 and in charge of production of the Continuing Education Through Television (CETV).

'Knee-jerk' reactions to oil crisis hit



T-bill rates inch up; 91-day yield at 5.662%

By Michelle R. Romo

TREASURY bill rates inched up as an all-mutual auction to banks prepared to bid for short-term securities on the fixed line.

The 91-day rate, which is the benchmark for many loans, rose by a fraction of a point to 5.662 percent from 5.652 percent.

While yields for the 91-day bill nudged 10 basis points higher, the auction was not as competitive as the previous one. The 182-day bill, which is the benchmark for many loans, rose by a fraction of a point to 5.652 percent from 5.642 percent.

The Treasury, however, expects to raise the amount of the 91-day bill to \$10 billion from \$5 billion for the next auction.

The average rate for the 91-day government securities was 7.501 percent, or 25.0 basis points higher than the previous week's 7.476 percent. The rate for the 182-day bill increased to 8.427 percent, or 18.1 basis points from 8.409 percent.

The Treasury, however, expects to raise the amount of the 91-day bill to \$10 billion from \$5 billion for the next auction.

By Glenn L. Loran

THE GOVERNMENT has proposed a slew of measures over the past few weeks in the hope of mitigating the effects of rising crude oil prices in the international market.

"They sound good, but some of these make much more sense than others," says a senior official of the Department of Energy.

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"We don't need emergency powers to tell people to conserve energy," says a senior official of the Department of Energy.

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